Shortly after that Meisha shows up and we're finally able to take our yearbook photo.
CHEESE!
FLASH!

Sorry I was late, guys.
Where were you?
I had to meet up with the chess club for their yearbook photo.
Ha!
So I wasn't the only one who forgot the deadline!
You're in the chess

Yeah.
Aren't you in fencing club too?
How many clubs are you in?
Hmmm...
Maybe six or so?
Wow...
I do it for the extracurriculars--
Colleges love extracurriculars.
Wait, I thought you were a

freshman...

I am.

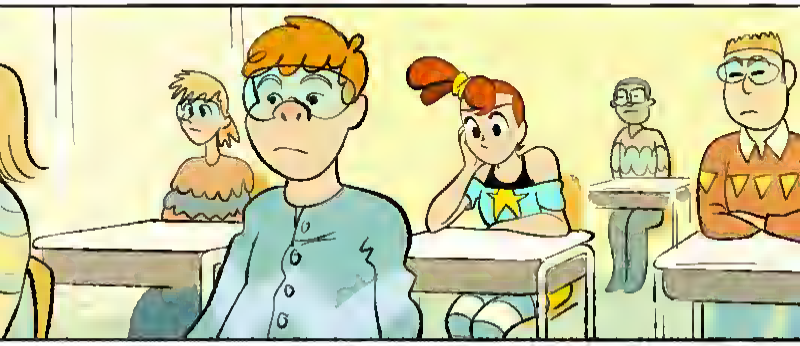
Then why are you thinking about college already?

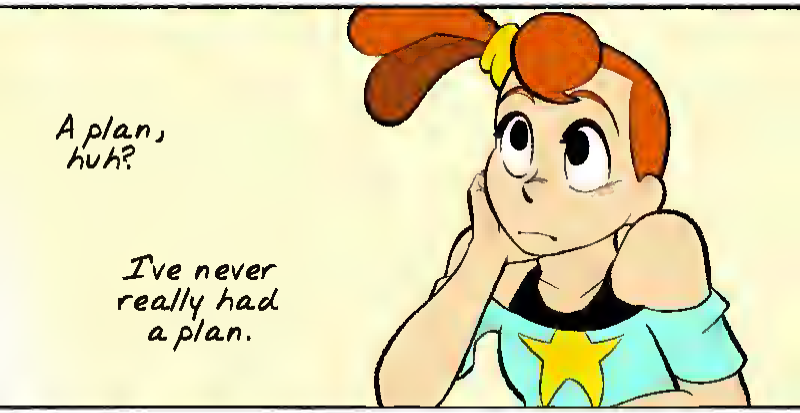
Because I want to escape this boring, old town.

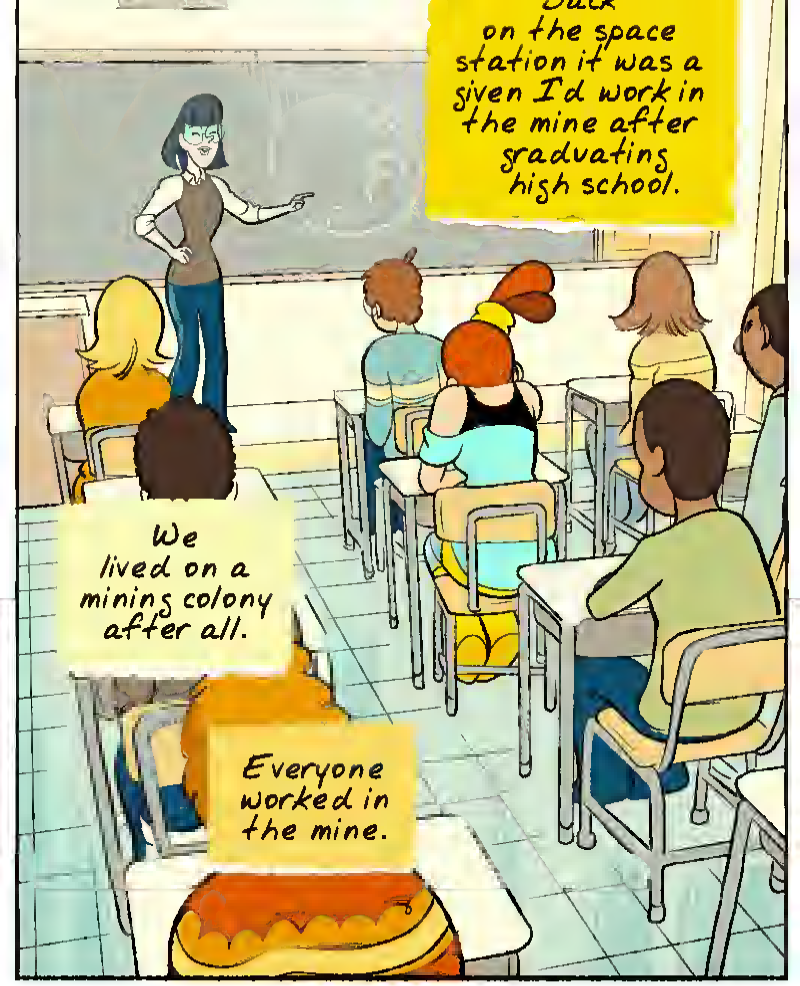
A scholarship to a nice university is my ticket out of here.

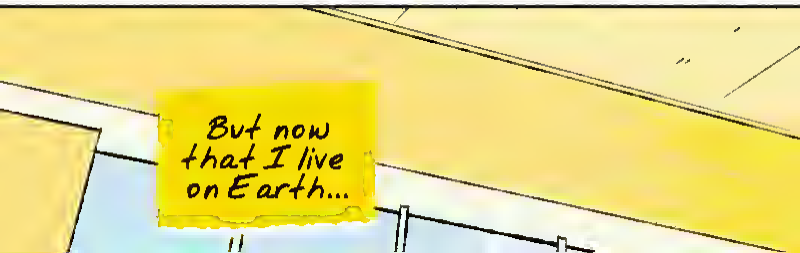
You got to have a plan, Amy.

High school isn't forever you know.

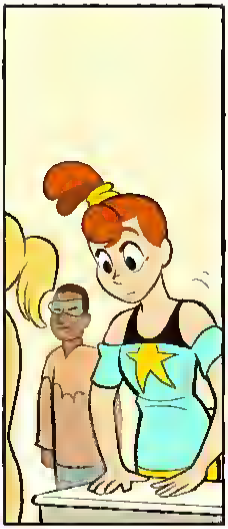



A plan, huh?
I've never really had a plan.

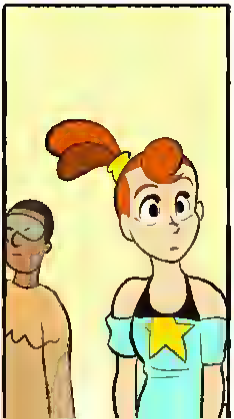

Back on the space station it was a given I'd work in the mine after graduating high school.
We lived on a mining colony after all.
Everyone worked in the mine.

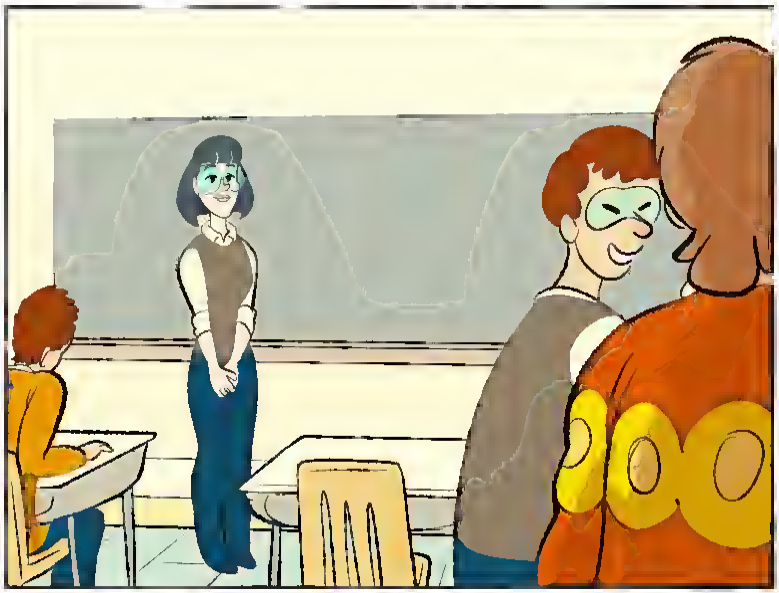

But now that I live on Earth...

I can do anything I want when I graduate.
So...
What do I want to do?
RINNGG!!

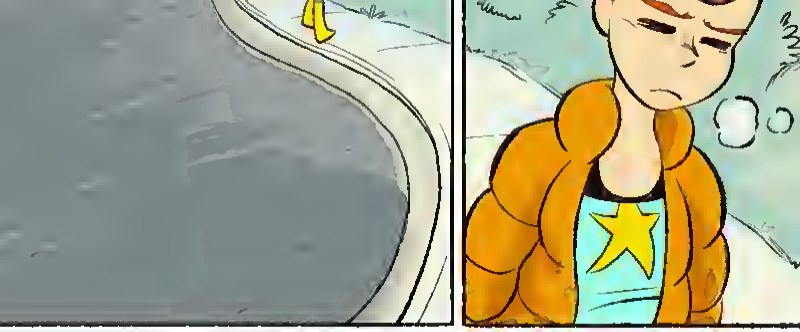


Amy.





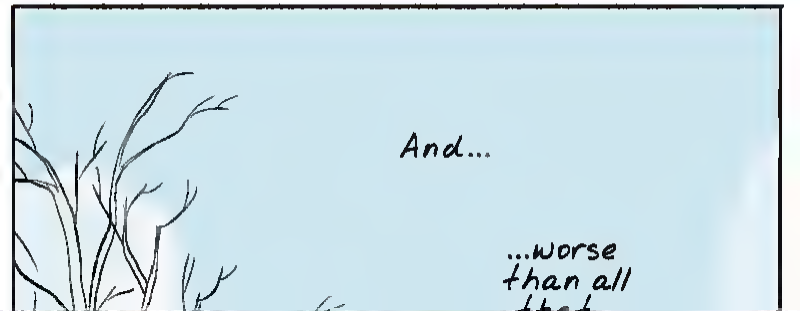
Could I talk to you for a minute?



Last week's test on World War III--
--apparently I bombed it.

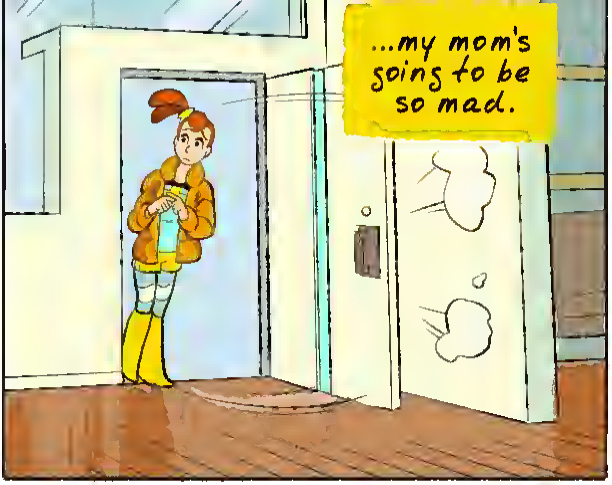
What should I do?
If I fail history my GPA will

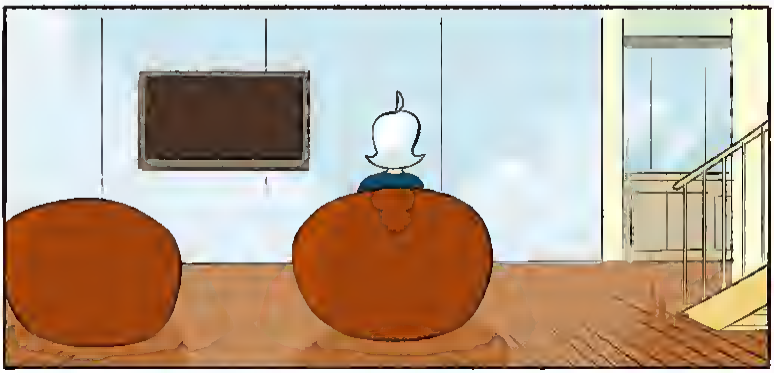
drop...
If my GPA drops, I won't get into a good college...
If I don't get into a good college, I won't get a good job-- my whole life could be ruined!


And...
...worse than all

that...

BEEP!


...my mom's going to be so mad.



Amy.

Um--
Hi.

I got a call from your school.

Oh--
I'm sorry, mom!

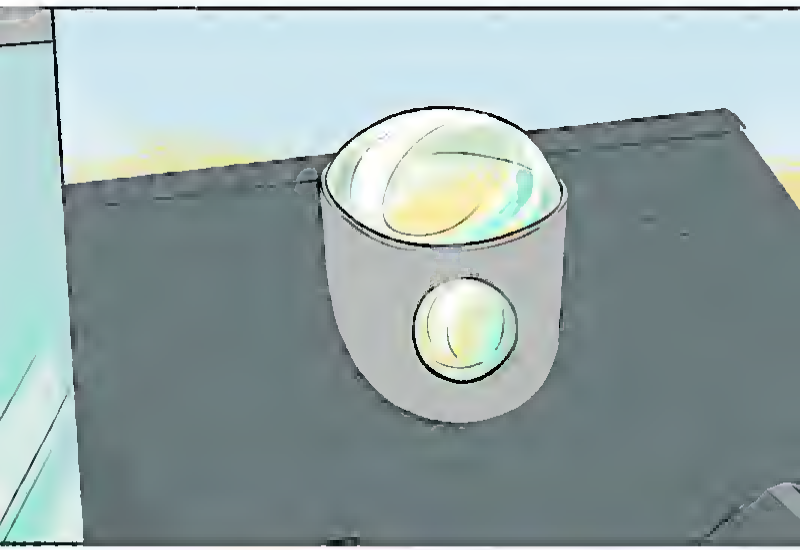
Don't worry though--
My teacher said I could do a report for extra credit!
Extra credit?
Why do you need that?
To--
To make up for the history test I failed.
YOU FAILED A HISTORY TEST?

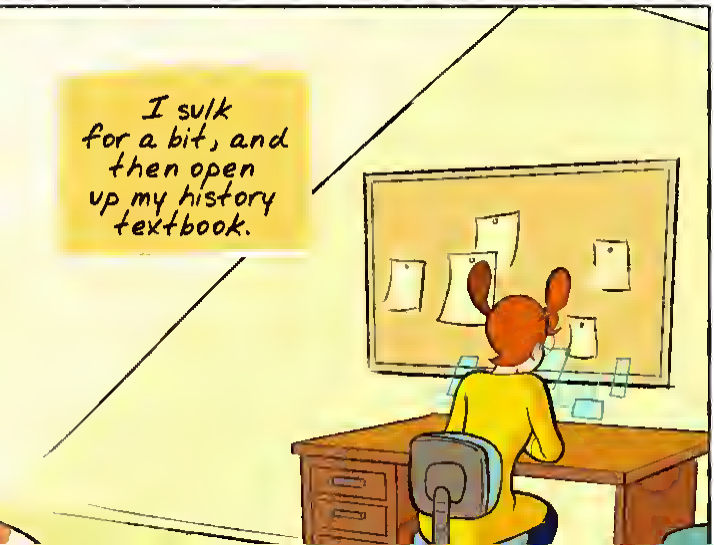
Yes.
Isn't that why the school called?
No, young lady.
They called to inform me you skipped class yesterday afternoon.

Oh...
Right.
Mind telling me what you were doing?
I--

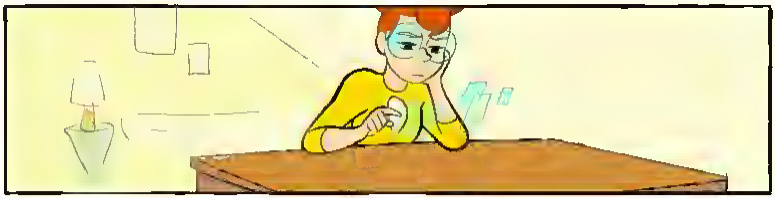
went for a walk?

Sigh.
You're grounded, Amy.
And if you don't start acting like the responsible girl I know you are, I'm not going to let you go to the homecoming dance.
Now go to your room and get started on that extra credit report.




I sulk for a bit, and then open up my history textbook.

I read about the formation of the Global Alliance in the aftermath of World War III.
I learn about the first meridium powered rocket.
And about the Mars Colonies--how they gained independence from Earth.
And I discover...
...that history is very boring.



But then something catches my eye--

An article about a mysterious object discovered in the far reaches of space...

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Charity H

"Well, my family made jack-o'-lanterns, and I decided to make mine Amy! It was interesting to design my own pumpkin, since normally I just find templates on the internet. It turned out way better than I thought it would!"

This is great--
Thank you!
Happy fall everyone!